



## **Guidance for Schools Not Participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Homeschool Households**

This guidance is for homeschool households and for schools that do not offer meals through NSLP. If your school operates NSLP, please see [this webpage](#). Indiana's summer EBT program, Indiana SUN Bucks, is a benefit program for households to receive funds for food for school aged children when school is not in session. Families will receive \$120 for each eligible child to use at grocery stores where EBT is accepted.

### **How SUN Bucks Works**

For NSLP operating schools, the \$120 SUN Bucks benefit will be automatically sent to households who are identified as directly certified via participation in SNAP, TANF, and some income-based Medicaid, and those who have been approved for eligibility based on a USDA meal benefit application.

Students who do not attend a NSLP operating school, including those who are homeschooled or attend a virtual school, may still qualify for SUN Bucks if they participate in SNAP, TANF, and income-based Medicaid, when the income reported on the Medicaid application meets the USDA income eligibility guidelines, or if they are considered wards of the state (foster children). Households cannot qualify for SUN Bucks using income on their application, but can apply using a valid Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) case number.

### **How Schools Can Help**

Communicate to households that your school does not participate in NSLP and therefore eligible households will not automatically receive SUN Bucks benefits. Each household at your school with a student who participates in SNAP, TANF, or income-based Medicaid, or is a foster child, migrant, or homeless student must apply using the [SUN Bucks Application](#). The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has built a [communications toolkit](#) to support outreach.